

Young Proposes End To Inquiry

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WASHINGTON Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, today introduced a resolution calling on the House Judiciary Committee to complete its impeachment inquiry "no later" than April 30, instructing it to meet five days a week, eight hours a day to get the job done.

The committee is "not acting at the pace it should," Young said angrily. "We aren't much further along the road now than we were a year ago," he added.

The resolution, co-sponsored by Republicans Joel Pritchard of Washington and James G. Martin of North Carolina, would call on the 27-member Judiciary panel to give up all other business during the impeachment inquiry, including voting on the House floor.

Unlike a bill, a House resolution, if approved, only expresses the "sense" of the chamber and does not force the committee to act as recommended.

Initial indications from the Judiciary panel were highly

negative.

The Young measure resolves that the committee, through the April 30 deadline, "shall" meet each Monday through Friday, even if the full House is not in session.

It prescribes that the committee sessions begin at 10 each morning and continue either to 5 p.m. or until the House recesses for the day.

Moreover, it excuses all members of the panel from going to the House floor to vote until the inquiry is completed.

Young said the three Republicans chose April 30 because this was the date originally cited by the Judiciary Committee as the inquiry deadline.

The Alaska Republican said all committee members not just the top leadership should be "concentrating on just this one crucial issue."

He sharply criticized what he termed the committee's sporadic schedule of meeting only twice or three times weekly. Young also chided the panel for depending "too heavily" on its staff lawyers.